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Venice, Sept. 30. *N. S.*

THE 21st of this Month having been appointed for the publick Entry of his Excellency the Earl of *Manchester*, Ambassador Extraordinary from Her Majesty of Great Britain, his Excellency's Servants and Equipage were sent in the Morning to the Island of *Sancto Spirito*, about 3 Miles from this City; and his Excellency himself, attended with a Train of Gentlemen, repaired thither at 3 in the Afternoon. There was an Appartment richly furnished in the Convent for his Reception. About half an Hour after his Entrance into the Cloister, he received a Message from the Cavalier Morosini, a *Savio grande*, late Ambassador at Rome, That he with Sixty of the Senators were coming to attend his Excellency from the Republick. The Cavalier's Boat was row'd by Four Watermen in rich Liveries; each of the Sixty Senators following with the like Number of Oars. At their Landing the Cavalier walk'd at the Head of the Senators, who came after him Two and Two: Sixteen of the Ambassador's Footmen being placed in two Ranks at the Sea-side. At a little Distance from the House, his Excellency's Secretary, and some British Gentlemen, received them in the Court. The Lord Ambassador afterwards met them in the middle of the Cloister, where Signior Morosini made his Excellency a Compliment; which being returned, he plac'd himself on the Ambassador's Left Hand, and conducted him to the Gondola in which he came to wait on his Excellency. When his Excellency was seated, the Cavalier took the Right Hand, the Left being, according to the Venetian Custom, the superior Seat in the Gondola. The other Senators walk'd on the Left Hand of the British Gentlemen to their Gondola's, and placed them also on their Left when on Board. His Excellency's Boats, very beautifully gilded, were row'd empty by Four Men each, and made a magnificent Appearance as they attended on the Side of the other Boats. The Vessel of State bore on her Head a St. George on Horse-back in polish'd Steel, behind which there stood Two large Figures embracing each other, bearing the Crosses of England and Scotland: And at their Feet were wrought Two smaller Images, supporting the Arms of France and Ireland. The whole Vessel was covered with Figures and Hierogliphicks suitable to the Occasion. On two opposite Corners were the Union-Arms, and on the other End those of France and Ireland. All the Work was at proportionable Distances, richly gilded; entertaining the Sight with much Variety. The Second Boat was painted in a curious Manner, and adorn'd with Foliages of Metal finely wrought: The Third bore his Excellency's own Arms; and the Fourth was cover'd and lin'd with black Velvet trimm'd with Fringes of many agreeable Colours. When the Solemnity came near St. Mark's Place, the Norton Galley hoisted the Union Colours, and fir'd all her Guns. The great Canal was full of Boats, and the Windows and Balconies crowded with Persons in Masquerade. Upon his Excellency's landing at his own Door, 60 Mortars were fired; which were followed by a Consort of Trumpets, Drums, and Hautboys. His Excellency ascended the Stairs on the Right Hand of the Cavalier, and the English Gentlemen on the Right Hand of the Senators; but as they were entring the Room of Audience, the Ambassador and English Gentlemen gave the Right to the Venetians. After a magnificent Entertainment, his Excellency and the Gentlemen of his own Nation attended the Cavalier and Senators to their Boats.

On the 22d the Cavalier came, attended in the same manner as the Day before, to his Excellency's Palace, having signified his Arrival by an Officer of the Republick. His Excellency's Secretary, accompanied by other British Gentlemen, received him in the Hall; and the Ambassador met him on the middle of the Stairs. The Cavalier conducted his Excellency, as did the Senators the British Gentlemen, into their Gondola's, his Excellency's Boats attending the Ceremony. Upon the Ambassador's entring the College, the Doge and all the Assembly rose from their Seats; and his Excellency making his Approach according to the Ceremonial, ascended the Steps of the Throne, and placed himself on the Right Hand of the Doge. As soon as his Excellency was seated, and had dilivered his Credentials to the Doge, he made a Speech in English, giving the Translation to a Secretary, who read it in Italian to the College. His Excellency was conducted to his own House in the same manner that he came to the Assembly.

On the 24th he was brought with the usual Ceremony to receive the Answer of the Doge and Senate. And was afterwards reconducted to the Rialto, where he took Water, and returned to his Palace.

Turin, October 1. Monsieur de Belcastel, who is appointed Commissary to review the Troops which are in the British and Dutch Service, went yesterday to Scalin, to see the Hessian Recruits which are lately arrived. The Orders being signed by his Royal Highness, and the Route fixed for the Troops that are to go into Winter Quarters, the Hessian Horse, and some other Bodies of Cavalry, are in a Readiness to march, the Hereditary Prince of Hesse Cassel having last Night taken Leave of this Court. The Count de la Rocca, a Lieutenant-General, is gone to Suza, by Order of his Royal Highness, to concert with Prince Eugene the Measures proper to be taken for the covering of the Siege, and the Security of that Place, which we already look upon as ours; and also to consider what Troops are to be left on the Frontiers; his Royal Highness having chosen that Officer to command there during the Winter. We hear the Marshal de Tessé hath formed a Body of 16000 Men near Brinçon, and that he expects to be joined very suddenly by a fresh Reinforcement of 7 or 8000; with which he hopes to raise the Siege of Suza. Our last Advices from the Camp before that Place tell us, That the Imperialists had taken Fort Catinat by Storm; and that Prince Eugene had battered the Castle from Fort la Brunette with such Success, that there was already a large Breach made in it: And it is said the Besieged